GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2196
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Purchase of Helicopters from USA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given nod to the purchase of Apache and Chinook heavy lift helicopters from the United States of America (USA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the USA has emerged as the largest supplier of arms to India during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details of the contracts signed with the USA during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government of India has signed contract with M/s Boeing USA and Letter of Agreement (LOA) with US Government on 28th September, 2015 for purchase of Apache Attack Helicopters. A contract with M/s Boeing, USA has also been signed on 28th September, 2015 for purchase of Chinook heavy lift helicopters.

(c) & (d): Defence equipment are imported as per the operational requirements of the Armed Forces. However, actual cash outgo depends on delivery of equipment / reaching of laid down milestones before release of funds. India procures defence equipment under capital acquisition from various countries, the major sources being Russia, USA, Israel and France. During the last three years i.e. 2012-13 to 2014-15 contracts and Letter of Agreement (LOA) worth Rs.7285.72 crores have been signed with vendors from USA and the US Government.

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